

AMENDMENTS AND LISTING OF CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 – 11 (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a head suspension for supporting a head slider over a disk in a dynamic storage device, including:

providing a first head suspension component having a compliant locating feature including a plurality of spring beam tabs spaced around an opening, the spring beam tabs deflectable out of a major plane of the suspension component; and locating the first head suspension component relative to a desired reference by inserting a tapered pin into the opening and causing the pin to engage and deflect the plurality of spring beam tabs out of the major plane of the suspension component at a minimum of three~~at least three~~ points spaced by an arc length extending through the minimum of three~~at least three~~ points that is greater than 180° to position the spring beam tabs around the pin.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein locating the head suspension component further includes causing the pin to force the head suspension component into engagement with a clamp.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 and further including: providing a second head suspension component having a compliant locating feature including a plurality of spring beam tabs spaced around an opening; and

locating the first and second head suspension components relative to a desired reference by inserting the tapered pin into the openings of the first and second suspension components when the spring beam tabs of the first suspension component are positioned between the spring beam tabs of the second suspension component and causing the pin to engage the plurality of spring beam tabs of both the first and second components to position the spring beam tabs of the first and second components around the pin.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein locating the first and second head suspension components further includes causing the pin to deflect the spring beam tabs out of major planes of the suspension components.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein locating the head suspension components further includes causing the pin to force the first and second head suspension components into engagement with each other and a clamp.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein locating the first and second head suspension components further includes causing the pin to deflect the spring beam tabs out of major planes of the suspension components.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 and further including fastening the first and second head suspension components together after they are engaged.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 and further including fastening the first and second head suspension components together.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein providing the first head suspension component includes providing a head suspension component having a carrier strip with the compliant locating feature on the carrier strip.

23. (New) A method for manufacturing a head suspension for supporting a head slider over a disk in a dynamic storage device, including:

providing a first head suspension component having a compliant locating feature

including a plurality of spring beam tabs spaced around an opening;

providing a second head suspension component having a compliant locating feature

including a plurality of spring beam tabs spaced around an opening; and

locating the first and second head suspension components relative to a desired

reference by inserting the tapered pin into the openings of the first and second

suspension components when the spring beam tabs of the first suspension

component are positioned between the spring beam tabs of the second

suspension component and causing the pin to engage the plurality of spring

beam tabs of both the first and second components to position the spring beam

tabs of the first and second components around the pin.